Grigoraki

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Country: Ελλάδα / Greece **Region:** Περιφέρεια Ανατολικής Μακεδονίας και Θράκης / Eastern Macedonia and Thrace **Subregion:** Περιφερειακή Ενότητα Έβρου **Town:** Δήμος Σαμοθράκης / Dimos Samothrace		
Difficulty: easy	**Grading:** v2 a2 II	**Total time:** 2h
Approachtime: 15min	**Tourtime:** 1h30	**Returntime:** 15min
Altitude entry: 255m	**Altitude exit:** 155m	**Delta Altitude:** 100m
Canyon length: m	**Highest rapell:** 30m	**Amount rapells:** 7
Transport: Car optional	**Rock type:**	**Drainage area:** km²
Season: May - October	**Orientation:** North	**Best Time:**
Rating: ☆ 2.5 (2)	**Info:** ★ 2 (2)	**Belay:** ★ 3 (2)

Specialities:

Gear:
Ropes: 1x60m

Summary: (machine translated)
Overall, quite a short canyon with a pleasant access and a fairly relaxed way back

Hydrology: (machine translated)
Little water flow at the beginning of June, but sufficient.

Access: (machine translated)
From the "Varades" campsite, we follow the road west for 1.35 km, then turn left onto the dirt road that leads us south to the Holy Monastery of Christ. We park our car under a shady tree in front of the locked chapel, which is surrounded by bars - entry by prior arrangement only.

Approach: (machine translated)
We follow the slope over two hairpin bends further uphill. At the 3rd (right-hand) hairpin bend, we leave the piste to the left and follow the tracks that run along the orographic left bank of the stream for about 100 meters. Then the path crosses the stream, after which it continues on the orographic right slope above the stream for about 25 meters steeply uphill. When we reach the crest, we can see the stream again and look for a suitable access point.

Tour: (machine translated)
After a short section through the boulders in the streambed, we come to the first rappel, where the canyon narrows, then immediately opens up again and stays that way until the exit. Simple and short rappels lead us successively into a series of smaller pools. The tour ends with two rappels, each about 30m long. Then we stand in the final pit.

Return: (machine translated)
After the final pump, follow the blue dots and some cairns to the left up to the piste, which we reach roughly where we started our access from the pista. Now descend a few meters on the slope to the chapel.

Coordinates:
Canyon End 40.4869 25.6193
Alternative Canyon End 40.4901 25.6215

Reports:

2025-06-05 | Wolfgang Streicher | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
This time descend further down the stream to the slope leading up to the left. Not worth it though; better to climb directly up to the left after the last rappel (machine translated)

2025-06-01 | Wolfgang Streicher | ☆ ☆ ½ | 🕮 ★ ★ | ⚓ ★ ★ ★ | ≋ Normal | 👍 Completed
Anchors ok, last rappel not 24m (as indicated in the Vertical Water booklet), but 30m (!). Directly after the last rappel, follow the blue dots and cairns to the left up to the slope and on this down to the parking lot at the chapel (machine translated)